IRISH FISHERMEN WELCOME MR SARKHOZY

WHAT PRICE EUROPE?

20% OF E.U. WATERS
4% OF THE CATCH!

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Industry in Crisis

Ireland has 20% of EU waters yet only have 4% of fishing quota's.

Since we joined the EEC 35 years ago we as a nation have received 50 billion from Europe and given away 200 billion in Irish fish to foreign trawlers.

We have paid our dues to Europe, now its payback time, this is why the coastal communities voted no to Lisbon.

Our backs are to the wall and we are not willing to be ignored any longer, that is why we have come out fighting for our way of life.
Families who have earned a living from the sea for generations are being forced out of their industry due to unfair and unjust EU quotas that are designed to benefit large EU fleets over the Irish fleet.

Fish is Irelands most valuable natural resource and belongs to the Irish nation, the major benefit of this resource is going to the rest of the EU, not Ireland, you don't see us getting a slice of north sea oil, or trees out of the black forest.

Other EU countries have up to eight times more quota of Irish fish than Ireland has, e.g. monk quota France 16651 tons, against Irelands 2128 tons.

We demand that the Irish Government go to the EU to fight for what they gave away years ago, control of our biggest natural resource, so it can be managed in a conservative and sustainable manner for the benefit of all.

Fishermen, as major stake holders in the fishing industry claim the right to shape and protect our families futures.

Food has risen in price drastically in the last 12 months, yet the price of fish has dropped by up to 50%.

Half the world is starving and we dump large volumes of fish every day due to poor mismanagement of quotas. The Common fisheries policy doesn't work, we need a new system, as in days at sea.

Like Murderers and Rapists we are treated as criminals under the present system.
Our boats are micro chipped unlike murders and rapists.

The government is looking for cut backs from their departments, here's a tip tell the SFPA to cut back on unlawful radio adds, SFPA branded sweets, bottles of water, pens and the likes.

Scientists tell us there is no fish in the sea, yet we are dumping more than we are allowed to land . The science is calculated on what is landed not on what is caught, and if you have a small quota this is all the science can be calculated on not the true picture of the stocks.

The industry has a new code of practice to help increase safety and this is welcomed by the industry, it is being enforced by the Marine Survey Office to a standard which is so unrealistic that it goes way past any level of common sense. We had meetings with the MSO to discuss this new code and were told common sense would prevail and we would get a 23 page booklet on what is In the code, we are still waiting eight months later.

We hope you will support us in our struggle to end all that is wrong in our industry and help to save and protect our biggest natural resource fish. Don't let Europe do to us what they did to the Canadian fish stocks on the Grand Banks, fish them to extinction

Please come out and support us on the 21 of July as we highlight the plight of Irelands fishing industry and costal communities with a protest to coincide with the visit of Nicolas Sarkozy to Ireland

All are welcome and free fish will be given out on the day.